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# UNIVERSITY LETTER

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- HNRC seminar series continues May 25
- Doctoral examination set for Tonia Jackson
- Seminar will consider "Chemistry in a Salad Bowl"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- EERC hydrogen research endorsed by the Upper MidwestHydrogen Initiative
- University council members elected to serve on U senate
- Some campus roads will have detours or be rerouted
- Faculty, staff need new ID card
- Campus catering, passport office relocated to Swanson Hall Concourse
- Memorial Union post office lists summer hours
- ConnectND will affect students, faculty
- Memorial Day holiday, summer hours listed
- High School applicants sought for high performance computing summer institute
- Summer Datebook items due Friday, May 21
- Wellness center newsletter is online
- Campus walking trail maps available
- Denim Day is last Wednesday of month

## TOP STORIES

### UND will be member of partnership for border security

Gov. John Hoeven and Sen. Kent Conrad, along with state and public-sector officials, announced formation of a partnership to develop solutions for national border security.

Nine partners, including UND, have signed a memo of understanding to work to achieve funding from the Department of Homeland Security that will create a smart-border community in North Dakota. This community will serve as a test bed for a cost-effective, field-operational platform that enhances border protection for the United States.

The pilot project includes four objectives:

- s Integrate a variety of technologies and cross-agency, national, state and local policies and practices to improve the security of the border.
- s Measure the degree of changes in effectiveness through the use of exercises and by capturing standard security metrics.
- s Capture the costs of implementing the technologies, policies and practices associated with those changes in effectiveness.
- s Combine the security effectiveness measures with their associated costs to provide a cost/benefit and risk model for border security.

Sen. Conrad is seeking \$10 million from the Department of Home Security to fund the project. He is recommending that the Grand Forks border sector be the test bed for the security project.

Partners signing the memo of understanding include Gov. John Hoeven; Tim Sheahan, president of Computer Sciences Corporation's Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Division; Charles Kupchella, UND president; Lee Peterson, commissioner of the North Dakota Department of Commerce; Peter Alfonso, UND Vice President for Research; Doug Friez, director of the North Dakota Division of Emergency Management; Phil Boudjouk, NDSU; Tony Grindberg, NDSU Research and Technology Park; Klaus Thiessen, president and CEO of the Grand Forks Region Economic Development Corporation; and Clarence O'Berry, CEO of Mandaree Enterprises Corporation, Mandaree, N.D.

## University Letter lists summer schedule

University Letter will be published every other week during the summer. Publication dates are: May 28, June 11 and 25, July 16 and 30, Aug. 13, 20, and 27. The deadline for article submission remains at 1 p.m. the Tuesday before you wish the article published. Articles will be run only once due to space and budget restraints.

If you will be away for the summer and wish to suspend your paper or electronic subscription until fall, please contact me.

– Jan Orvik, editor, University Letter, 777-3621, [jan\\_orvik@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:jan_orvik@mail.und.nodak.edu).

## International Space Station sends commencement greeting to UND

UND's graduating class made history May 15 when NASA astronaut Mike Fincke and Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka brought them greetings from the International Space Station. NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe, who was the main speaker at UND's spring commencement, said it was the first time greetings had ever been delivered to a graduating class from the International Space Station.

Here is the text of the message (which can be found at [http://www.und.edu/web\\_assets/movies/mov\\_nasagreet.mpg](http://www.und.edu/web_assets/movies/mov_nasagreet.mpg)):

"Hello down there in North Dakota! I'm Mike Fincke, NASA's Expedition Nine Science Officer and Flight Engineer aboard the International Space Station, along with my Commander, Gennady Padalka.

"It is a distinct honor for me to join Administrator Sean O'Keefe in saluting the University of North Dakota class of 2004. Congratulations to all of you! I feel privileged to be in orbit and to be able to speak to a university's graduating class.

"Gennady and I are conducting research that will help pave the way for future space explorers to extend humanity's reach throughout the solar system. I hope many of you will have an active role in this great adventure. We are also savoring the wonderful opportunity to look down on the good Earth from our orbital vantage point. From 250 miles above the Earth, North Dakota's vast, rolling plains are simply beautiful. To the class of 2004, congratulations once again. And while you are celebrating tonight, please keep your porch lights on in Grand Forks so Gennady and I can toast you as we fly over."

## UND awards 100,000 degree

The University awarded its 100,000th degree at commencement May 15, and the lucky recipient was Krissondra Leigh Wolf from Hazen, N.D.

Here is what President Charles Kupchella said in making the announcement:

"The University of North Dakota has now awarded more than 100,000 degrees dating back to its first commencement ceremony in 1889 with a class of eight. We are very pleased to have reached that milestone today. The recipient of that 100,000th degree is here and, just a few minutes ago, crossed this stage.

"I'd like to have Krissondra Leigh Wolf from Hazen, North Dakota join me at the podium. Krissondra received a Bachelor of

Science degree in Forensic Science from the College of Arts and Sciences and is now recognized as the recipient of the University of North Dakota's 100,000th degree."

UND awards about 2,200 degrees a year. This spring, nearly 1,400 students were eligible to graduate in three ceremonies: School of Medicine and Health Sciences (May 8), School of Law (May 15), and the General Spring Commencement (May 15).

## Progress detailed on strategic plan priority action areas

As part of the foundation for the University's new strategic plan, the University Planning & Budget Committee considered the successes and the areas needing more work in the current plan. The consideration was carried out this spring, by each priority action area, with the summary of each published here as the review takes place. Reports on "enrollment management" and "service" were published in the March 5 issue. A report on "information technology" was summarized in the March 19 issue. All except "development" are summarized below. This compendium of all summaries will be made available online as part of the [www.und.edu/stratplan2](http://www.und.edu/stratplan2) website.

**PRIORITY ACTION AREA A:** Provide a quality curriculum with a solid liberal arts foundation for each field of study to prepare students for rich, full lives, productive careers, and civic leadership.

### Major Accomplishments:

- Maintained all institutional and discipline-specific accreditations (21 agencies accrediting 23 AA programs and 7 agencies accrediting 15 medical programs).
- Actively seeking accreditation in Public Administration, Recreation and Leisure Services, and School of Communication.
- One of Princeton Review's "Best 345 Colleges" and "Best in the Midwest."
- Full-time faculty with terminal degrees up over three years (85%, 86%, 87%).
- Female faculty up over three years (41%, 44%, 45%).
- Non-clinical faculty head count up +26% over three years (708, 809, 897).
- Faculty salary increases: 7.2% (2001-02), 6.2% (2002-03), 5% (2003-04).
- 26% increase in international students, scholars, and dependents since fall 2001.
- Experiential Learning now available to all students (A&S 200, Service and Citizenship); last year 89% graduating seniors reported experiential learning involvement.
- Implemented new Senate policy on teaching evaluation and new University Student Assessment of Teaching (USAT) form.
- National Fellowships and Scholarships initiative going on-line.
- Chester Fritz Library served 25,000 more patrons last year; received additional quarter million in base funding 2003, another \$90,000 in 2004.
- Outstanding Faculty Advising Award reinstated; VPAA/VPSOS Academic Advising Committee established.
- Established faculty Program Assessment Resource Team to help departments design and implement effective assessment plans (Bush funded).
- Added assessment section to OID's On Teaching publication.
- Developing electronic template for Department/Program Assessment Plans.
- Per student funding for American Indian programming up 10% over three years; for financial aid up 33%.
- Exploring the American Indian Experience.
- Fourth and final year of General Education Longitudinal Study.

Established over 800 program-to-program articulation agreements with 52 community colleges.

### **Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

- Address chronic under-funding through development and Strategic Resource Allocation model.
- Improve collection and use of assessment data to improve academic programs.
- Review and refine curricula to reflect commitment to multiculturalism.
- Enhance student engagement (National Survey of Student Engagement).
- Improve both real and perceived effectiveness of General Education.
- Establish financial and/or programmatic incentives to increase study abroad.
- Broaden undergraduate research experience.
- Monitor impact of enrollment growth and new program offerings on faculty/student ratios, faculty turnover and use of part-time faculty (3 year increase from 22% to 34%).
- Streamline reporting burden on faculty, chairs, and deans.
- Build General Education goals into each major, i.e. extension of "writing across the curriculum."

**PRIORITY ACTION AREA B:** Expand and strengthen the University's commitment to research and creative activity, both as a means of enriching the learning environment and as a driver for economic development.

### **Major Accomplishments:**

#### **GOAL ONE (University ... particularly administration ... affirms ... commitment to research).**

- Vice President for Research appointed.
- Division of Research established.
- University Research Council impaneled.
- Associate Deans for Research Committee impaneled.
- Information Technology for Research URC Subcommittee impaneled.
- UND Computational Research Center created.
- Criteria established for UND Centers of Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity.
- Research support funding enhanced (e.g., Faculty Research Seed Money Plan, VPR discretionary fund, matching fund, Senate Scholarly Activities Fund).

#### **GOAL TWO (UND achieves \$100M ...).**

- Proposals submitted increased FY99-03 \$79M-\$188M.
- Awards increased FY99-03 \$38M-\$72M.
- Expenditures increased FY99-03 \$41M-\$68M.
- FY04 projection: 15% increase in research awards/expenditures.
- GOAL THREE (...Doctor/Research extensive...).
- Significant increases in graduate student enrollment.
- Monitoring the pending Carnegie classification scheme post 2005.
- GOAL FOUR (...UND links research...to economic development...).

- Technology Transfer and Commercialization URC Subcommittee impaneled.
- Office of Technology Transfer and Commercialization established.
- Director hired and will begin July 1, 2004.
- UND Copyright policy revised, patent policy under review.
- ND EPSCoR reorganization.
- Business incubator space (Center for Innovation) and EERC expansion.
- GOAL FIVE (UND widely...recognized as leading research university...).
- UND Discovery published.
- Division of Research webpage established.
- R&D Showcase partner.

#### **Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

- Indirect cost campus reallocation scheme.
- Multi- and inter-disciplinary research, collaboration, partnerships.
- Centers of Excellence.
- Research Foundation.
- UND research/tech park.
- Red River Valley Research Corridor.
- Undergraduate and graduate research support.

**PRIORITY ACTION AREA C:** Serve the people of North Dakota, the region, the nation, and the world more effectively through applied and basic research, cultural experiences, and economic development programs as well as through a comprehensive array of educational offerings.

#### **Major Accomplishments:**

- Applied/basic research portfolio doubled.
- Grant from Knight Foundation now supports coordination of arts marketing/ticketing.
- North Dakota Public Radio incorporated Northern Lights.
- Writers Conference remains a strong feature of UND's programming.
- President's Report upgraded/wide distribution.
- Native American Art program piloted.
- Program-to-Program Articulations now in place with 52 community colleges (800+ separate agreements).
- Thirteen undergraduate degree programs now in place entirely on evening/weekend schedule.
- Summer enrollment up to record levels.
- Two degree-completion programs plus two additional degree programs available predominantly on the Internet.
- Summer Haven being piloted in 2004.
- Re-entry Center established, staffed.
- American Humanics program established, staffed.

- Workforce Development program remains strong, serving 227 businesses and enrolling 1,859 participants in work force development programs in '03.
- Entrepreneurship program established along with 5 new undergraduate programs in '03 and 1 to date in '04.
- Vice President for Research appointed/Division of Research established/University Research Council empaneled.
- Permanent American Indian Programs Council established.
- E-Government program up and running.
- UND Web site improved, additional staffing.
- Five new doctoral programs established.
- Fargo Center opened, staffed.
- Funding secured for doubling of Center for Innovation.
- EERC research portfolio re: regional resources (water, air, energy, etc.) expanded, supported by \$8 million expansion of EERC.
- Engelstad Arena continues to have large, positive economic impact.
- Medical School sponsored-program capacity enhanced.
- Twenty-four off-campus degree programs now accessible.

#### **Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

- Endow more lectureships (12 by 2010).
- UND bands/choirs out into state/region.
- University Village development.
- Establish Directory of Faculty/Professional Staff Expertise.
- R&D funding on track but must be raised to \$100 million annually.
- Experiential learning requirement.
- Internal partnerships to be developed.
- Public Service Center to be developed.

#### **PRIORITY ACTION AREA D:** Improve the Campus Climate for Living and Learning

##### **Major Accomplishments:**

- The University enjoys a high degree of alumni loyalty, as measured by participation in alumni events, referral of students by alumni, as well as by financial support, particularly among older graduates. There is a very high level of campus and community participation in campus events, including those at the Engelstad Arena and Burtness Theater, plus events such as the Founders Day and Thanksgiving Dinner for Retirees.
- We now have a professional development/internship program to facilitate career advancement. More than thirty faculty and staff have participated in these programs over the last two years. Six individuals have been given support to participate in summer Management Institute programs.
- We have begun converting the Carnegie Building into a University Welcome Center. Major funding remains to be identified, however.
- We have begun to implement a comprehensive wellness program for the campus community and plans are under way for a new wellness facility.

- Campus climate is regularly assessed through a number of survey instruments. The goal of securing funding to renovate the Memorial Union has been achieved, although other improvements are still on the to-do list.
- Campus signage has been upgraded substantially.
- Ground was broken for a new home for American Indian programs.
- The entire campus has participated in a harassment training program, in which the law is reviewed and the campus is more completely educated about protected class and other types of harassment.
- An advisory council on diversity has been established, and it is a component of a now standing Council on Campus Climate, chaired by the President.
- Services have been enhanced for students and employees with disabilities. We have enhanced our library's user friendliness through the installation of wireless laptop technology in the Chester Fritz Library.
- The University supports a rich and vibrant array of artistic, intellectual, and popular events, e.g., the Writers Conference, that strengthen cultural life, deepen experience and understanding of pluralism, stimulate interaction among individuals, and that serve as part of the foundation for a strong community.
- A grant from the Knight Foundation supports an effort to coordinate arts and cultural programming on campus and throughout the greater Grand Forks community.
- Proposals are currently under consideration for the development of the Bronson Property, which would include a University Village.
- A pilot program will take place this summer of the Summer Haven concept.
- Some progress has been made in increasing diversity of the faculty and staff, and student body.
- A new brochure highlights study-abroad opportunities for our students.
- The campus Conflict Resolution Center continues to resolve conflict on our campus.
- Division I hockey program for women is now in place and is judged to be quite successful. The record of the team was 16-14 this year. The women's hockey program will be part of the Western Collegiate Hockey Association next year.
- Campus surveys indicate that communication between and among campus community members is good.
- Policies are communicated effectively through an electronic policy manual now available on the University's web page.

#### **Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

- We need a larger enhanced program for identifying students, faculty, and staff for national awards, such as the Truman Scholarship program and other such programs.
- We need to establish additional endowed lectureships.
- We continue to review the efficiency and effectiveness of our governance structures.

#### **PRIORITY ACTION AREA E: Enrollment Management**

##### **Major Accomplishments:**

- Fall and spring record enrollments were recorded for the last two years.
- Goal of 14,000 by Fall 2005—12,000 on campus, 1,800 distance education.
- Currently 13,034—11,770 on campus, 1,264 distance education.
- State of the art computer software program was developed for managing (including teleconferencing) prospective students and assessing results of activities.



Entire scholarship program was reviewed and revised for optimization as enrollment management tool.

- Scholarship criteria simplified; scholarship application strategies developed.
- Presidential Scholarships awarded upon application.
- Record number of Presidential Scholars (169) for Fall 2003.
- Awards increased for Presidential Scholars, transfers, returning students.
- Award date for transfer student moved to later date to reflect transfer behavior.
- Toward the goal of an average ACT score of entering freshmen and all enrolled students of 24 or higher, new freshman automatic admission standards were approved effective Fall 2005 requiring a 21 ACT for in-state students, 22 for out-of-state, 2.50 high school grade point average.

**First year experiences, targeting increased retention rates, included:**

- Reviewed and expanded Getting Started summer registration program.
- Reviewed and revamped Welcome Weekend program.
- Developed Keep Going Program (prior to spring registration).
- Reviewed and expanded Family Weekend and Family Association programs.
- Getting Started orientation and registration program was developed for transfer students.
- Academic advisement efforts were expanded to include: advisement workshops presented by Student and Academic Services, the appointment of a VPAA/VPSOS Academic Advising Committee, reactivation of the Outstanding Faculty Academic Adviser Award.
- Retention Management System/College Student Inventory was implemented in 2002.
- Cultural Diversity Tuition Waiver program was reviewed and revised to include the requirement of attending Getting Started and Welcome Weekend activities as well as mandated participation in the mentoring program.

**Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

- Expansion of the scholarship program by supporting at least 50 four-year National Merit scholarships; 22 National Merit Scholars are currently enrolled.
- Expansion of the first-year experience by providing an Intro to University Life course for all incoming freshmen and transfer students.
- Campus-wide focus on strategies for implementation as a result of assessments, such as, the National Survey of Student Engagement.
- Campus-wide focus on strategies to improve retention and graduation rates (current freshman-to-sophomore retention rate of 76% with goal of 80% and six-year graduation rate of 49% with goal of 50%).
- Student-mix goal of 450 Native American students by 2005. 365 were enrolled as of Fall 2003; goal of 385 other minority—343 were enrolled as of Fall 2003; goal of 320 international—441 were enrolled as of Fall 2003.

**PRIORITY ACTION AREA F:** Information Technology

**Major Accomplishments:**

**STRATEGIC INITIATIVE:** Optimize the use of information technology to improve student learning, research, and the administration of the University.

**GOAL ONE:** Infrastructure. An adequately funded, coordinated information technology to improve student learning, research, and the administration of the University.

**Organization**

- The University Information Technology Council (UITC) meets on a monthly basis and has developed into an effective tool for providing recommendations on IT policy and IT expenditures.
- The CIO has established a CIO executive committee consisting of the major central IT organizations, the directors of the library, ITSS and CILT. The executive committee meets regularly and provides initial input to and evaluation of UND's IT Strategic Plan.

### **Network**

- UITC established teaching/learning and research as the priority use of UND's network.
- Implemented bandwidth shaping in the resident halls to limit traffic utilizing software for downloading copyrighted material.
- Purchased routing equipment and a firewall to assist with network performance.

### **Wireless Internet access**

- Established a campus standard for wireless, 802.11.B.
- Assisted the Odegard School in meeting standard.
- Completed wireless projects in the Chester Fritz Library, the Student Union, College of Education, and the College of Business and Public Administration.

### **Security**

- Established committee to assist in complying with the Gramm Leach Bliley Act.
- Searching for a University security officer.

### **Video conferencing**

- Established sub-council on implementing H.323 video conferencing procedures and standards.
- Established a video send and receive site in Twamley.

### **Student technology fee**

- Modified the make up of the STF committee to fit the new IT governance structure.
- Invested \$200,000 upgrading the presentation equipment in general purpose classrooms.
- With student government, established a procedure for student printing, UniPrint.

**GOAL TWO: UND provides a state-of-the-art educational information system integrating learning, research, instruction, and personal service resources through easy and customizable portal access.**

### **Portal**

- The UITC met with state representatives for the ConnectND portal and discussed the potential of using the PeopleSoft portal.

**GOAL THREE: The University has an up-to-date information technology plan with continuous progress toward implementation.**

### **IT strategic plan**

- The UITC reviews and updates UND's IT strategic plan on an annual basis.
- A web site for the UITC web site is established and the site provides access to planning documents written and utilized by the UITC.

**GOAL FOUR: UND is widely recognized as a leader in the creation and application of information technologies to enrich and extend learning and foster research.**

## **Online course development**

- According to the North Central Association Higher Learning Commission's final site visit report, "UND has been a leader in distance education, was a pioneer in the development and use of two-way compressed video, and offers a number of unique programs at a distance including a master's degree in space studies to a global audience. Appropriate support services, including library service, are provided to students in these courses and programs."
- 26 online courses were developed in FY 2003. In addition, two online degree completion programs (Information Systems and RN to BSN) were launched in FY 2003. Also, UND launched two asynchronous degree programs (Social Science and General Studies).
- Upgraded Blackboard platform to an enterprise level.

## **Annual IT conference**

- Established a conference addressing IT and teaching and learning. The initial conference, Beyond Boundaries, was held in September 2002. The planning committee received over 70 presentation proposals and the conference attracted nearly 100 participants. The 2003 conference attracted over 100 participants and the third annual Beyond Boundaries conference will be held Sept. 23-24, 2004.

## **Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

### **Organization**

- Solidify role of the CIO in regard to other IT organizations and the President's Cabinet.
- Establish an information technology support council.
- Implement Student Technology Assistance Program.

### **Network**

- Complete initial phase of the wiring/cabling project and advocate for funding to complete remaining phases of this project.
- Explore the use of a single-sign.

### **Online courses**

- Work with state group to assure that Blackboard integrates with ConnectND.
- Develop additional online courses and programs in response to market needs.

### **Student technology fee**

- Find efficiencies in purchasing equipment funded by the Student Technology Fee.
- Explore alternative procedures for distributing STF funds.

### **Standards**

- Explore feasibility of establishing a University-wide life cycle management policy.
- Establish a sub-council to examine electronic mail service across the University.
- Establish a plan for electronic document imaging and management.

### **Student entry/exit skills**

- Possible base-line entry and exit skills have been identified in consultation with Collegis (this report can be found on the UITS web site). Use this report to establish entry/exit skills for departments and colleges at UND.

### **ConnectND**

- Establish a plan for post-implementation support for ConnectND.
- Coordinate campus technology planning with ConnectND project to ensure success to ConnectND information.

## Security

- Hire new security officer and assist in implementing security policies and procedures.

## Addendum to list of areas in need of additional work/attention having to do with Information Technology.

- Define necessary entry-level computer competency for all new students, design screening and remedial programs as appropriate.
- All departments define exit competencies of graduates in use of computers/information technology.

## PRIORITY ACTION AREA G: Facilities

### Major Accomplishments:

**GOAL: The University has first-rate physical facilities; they are accessible, well built, optimally utilized, well maintained, and appropriately situated.**

### Low level of unmet space/building needs.

- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities.
- Response: The space utilization study commissioned by UND and completed by Ira Fink Associates has determined that although UND has sufficient space and well maintained buildings, the space does not necessarily meet the modern needs of many departments. Facilities provides upgrades to the existing space as funding becomes available.

### The University has an up-to-date space master plan.

- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities.
- Response: Findings from the abovementioned space study have been integrated into the 2004 Master Plan. All units report having adequate space plus state-of-the-art equipment and facilities.
- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities. Conduct an engineering / architectural study of best use options for the "old" Engelstad Arena and Memorial Stadium. Plan for the construction of a Wellness Center by 2004 (P, VPS.).
- Response: Energy Improvement projects are being completed which upgrade lighting and mechanical systems, providing an improved living environment using state-of-the-art components. Architectural studies to determine the best usage of buildings such as Hyslop Sports Center, Memorial Stadium and the "old" Ralph Engelstad Arena have been completed and submitted to the Athletic Director. Wellness Center plans are in development, with construction to begin in fall of 2004.

### Campus signage modernized and rated by visitors as visitor friendly.

- Strategy: Modernize campus signage.
- Response: Monument signage in the 2nd Avenue parking lot, skywalk signage, EERC and SOMHS iconic signage, Chester Fritz Auditorium digital marquee, Memorial Union and CF Library building signs, and the visitor kiosk have made a marked improvement in campus way-finding.

### Analysis based on national benchmarks indicates that space is optimally used.

- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities.
- Response: The space utilization study has determined that classroom space is underutilized, a condition due partly to the lack of modernization within the classrooms space. Facilities continues to modernize classrooms as funding become available.

### Maintenance is on schedule.

- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities.

- Response: The space utilization study reports that UND buildings are well maintained and attractive. By working with all UND departments, Facilities has established maintenance schedules that target high visibility areas which support our research and educational missions.

#### **Construction projects completed on schedule.**

- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities.
- Response: Facilities has implemented on-schedule and on-budget construction strategies that create a teamwork approach between the owner, designer, and contractor. As a result, projects are brought into service on a schedule that reduces lost time for research or instruction.  
Funding for maintenance vs. needed maintenance.
- Strategy: Prepare an up to date master plan for maintenance and utilization of facilities.
- Response: Through practical engineering application, Facilities has initiated a significant reduction in deferred maintenance liabilities by replacing aging infrastructure as a part of space renovation. In addition, energy improvement projects have replaced older, inefficient equipment with modern units that both save energy and reduce the deferred maintenance inventory.

#### **Major Areas in Need of Additional Work**

Facilities will continue to modernize existing facilities as funds are made available. Painting and routine repairs and maintenance will obviously also be an ongoing task.

New building projects to be completed (already under way), started, or further evaluated include:

- General development of the Bronson Property, including possible housing.
- Remodeling of EERC facilities.
- Neurosciences facility.
- New American Indian Center.
- Wellness Center.
- Betty Engelstad Arena (expansion of REA).
- O'Kelly renovations.
- Carnegie Building renovation.
- New Ina Mae Rude Entrepreneur Center.
- Memorial Union Food Court modernization.
- Parking lot repairs/routine maintenance.
- Parking ramp feasibility.
- Emerado Observatory.
- Allied Health Facility feasibility.
- Mechanical renovations at the Steam Plant.
- Storm water system and electrical system improvements.
- Feasibility/funding source identification for replacement/expansion of facilities in programs such as Nursing, Theatre Arts, College of Business and Public Administration, Earth Systems Science, and Athletics.

YET TO REPORT: Progress relative to development.

-- Charles Kupchella, president.

## Reminder to complete harassment training program

We thank those who have completed harassment training. If you have not yet completed the training, please do so immediately. This training is required for all faculty and staff, graduate students who teach, and students who supervise others in support of UND's efforts to promote a respectful campus community for everyone. If you have any questions regarding how to access the training program, please contact the Office of General Counsel at 777-6345. Thanks for your cooperation.

– Charles Kupchella, president.

## Please return harassment training form

This is a reminder to those part-time UND employees who received, in March 2004, a set of training documents covering issues of harassment. Along with these documents was a harassment training acknowledgment statement. The acknowledgement was to be signed and returned to the affirmative action office by April 15. If you have not already returned it, please do so immediately. Thank you

. – Charles Kupchella, President.

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## EVENTS TO NOTE

### Printing center closed May 20 for inventory

The printing center will be closed Thursday, May 20, for annual inventory, and will open for business as usual Friday, May 21.

– Lowell Brandner, printing center.

### Alumni Association invites participation in Alumni Days

The Alumni Association invites all faculty and staff to join in the activities of Alumni Days 2004. This year's festivities feature the classes of 1944, 1949, 1954, and 1959. We invite you to join us.

Alumni Days begin Wednesday, May 21, with golf at King's Walk in the morning. The afternoon includes "Back to School" classes and a social at the J. Lloyd Stone Alumni Center from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The "Some Enchanted Evening" dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. There will be a special presentation and entertainment to stir up campus memories from the 1940s and 1950s.

A special letterwinners' breakfast is planned for 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at the Swanson Atrium. Fifty-year pins will be given to the letterwinners of 1954, celebrating their 50th reunion.

The citations committee of the UND Alumni Association has selected four outstanding alumni to receive the Sioux Award during the annual Alumni Days awards banquet at the Alerus Center on Thursday evening. A social begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by a dinner and program at 7 p.m. Alumni Days award recipients are Richard Brunning, John Nepper, Mack Traynor, Morris Tschider and Marilyn (Mueller) Whitney. Tickets are \$25 and may be reserved by calling Barb at 777-4078.

Special reunion breakfasts for the Schools of engineering and mines, law, medicine and health sciences, as well as the colleges of education and human development and business and public administration, will be held Friday, May 28, from 8:30 to 10 a.m.

After reunion breakfasts on Friday, May 28, a memorial service in honor of friends and classmates will be held at 11:45 a.m. on the Memorial Union front lawn. The three-day festivities conclude with an "Until We Meet Again" luncheon at 12:30 p.m. in the Red River Valley room in the Memorial Union.

For more information or to make reservations, contact the Alumni Association at 777-2611.

– Erinn Hakstol, special events coordinator, Alumni Association.

## Electrical outages planned for May 22

The campus will experience several planned electrical outages to install three major generators. These generators will cut electricity costs and serve as emergency backups.

Please call Mark Johnson, 777-2336, with any concerns.

We realize this is a major inconvenience and ask your help and cooperation. It is imperative that the generators be installed prior to the air conditioning season to avoid major increases in our electrical costs.

The electrical outages to tie in the generators have been scheduled as follows:

SATURDAY, MAY 22, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (14 hours) and SUNDAY, MAY 23, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. (14 hours)

Circuit #1, which includes these buildings: Auxiliary Services, Building Mechanical Shop, Central Foods, Central Receiving, Chester Fritz Auditorium, Community Center/Daycare, Facilities, Gamble Hall, Housing Office, Odegard Hall, Recycling Building, Streibel Hall, Transportation/Grounds, West Green 1-14.

— Larry Zitzow, director, facilities.

## HNRC seminar series continues May 25

The USDA Human Nutrition Research Center seminar series continues with "Molecular Mechanisms of Selenium Biotransformation in Plants," presented by David E. Salt, associate professor of horticulture and landscape architecture, Purdue University. It will be held Tuesday, May 25, at 11 a.m. in the GF HNRC Library.

— Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center.

## Doctoral examination set for Tonia Jackson

The final examination for Tonia L. Jackson, a candidate for the Ph.D. degree with a major in clinical psychology, is set for 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 25, in Room 210, Psychology building. The dissertation title is "The Relationships Among Childhood Psychological Maltreatment, Adult Psychological Functioning, Dating Abuse, and Schemas." Andrea Zevenbergen (psychology) is the committee chair.

The public is invited to attend.

— Joseph Benoit, dean, graduate school.

## Seminar will consider "Chemistry in a Salad Bowl"

The Grand Forks Human Nutrition Research Center lecture series continues with "Chemistry in a Salad Bowl: The Organosulfur and Organoselenium Chemistry of Garlic and Onions," presented by Eric Block, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, University of Albany, State University of New York, Tuesday, June 1, at 11 a.m. in the GFHNRC library.

— GF HNRC.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## EERC hydrogen research endorsed by the Upper Midwest Hydrogen Initiative

The Energy and Environmental Research Center has been endorsed by the Upper Midwest Hydrogen Initiative for its contribution to a renewable and climate-friendly hydrogen economy and its pioneering research in renewable hydrogen from ethanol. The award comes just one day after the EERC submitted a patent for a technology that would integrate an existing ethanol plant with hydrogen production capabilities.

To support further development of fuel cell technologies, hydrogen production methods also must be developed that reduce the use of fossil fuels and are compatible with a hydrogen and fuel cell infrastructure. Ethanol has several inherent characteristics that make it an excellent source for hydrogen production. A biomass-derived renewable fuel, it reduces

fossil fuel use and is produced domestically, relatively nontoxic, readily biodegradable, sulfur-free, and considered carbon-neutral.

– Energy and Environmental Research Center.

## **University council members elected to serve on U senate**

University council members who have been elected to serve one-year terms on the 2004-2005 University Senate as college representatives are: John D. Odegard School of Aerospace Sciences, Elizabeth Bjerke and Kenneth Foltz; College of Arts and Sciences, Christopher Anderson, Richard Crawford, Arthur Jones, Pamela Kalbfleisch, Charles Miller, Janet Kelly Moen, David Pierce and Faythe Thureen; College of Business and Public Administration, Susan Nelson and Greg Patton; College of Education and Human Development, Jason Lane and Vicki Ross; School of Engineering and Mines, Darrin Muggli and Lowell Stanlake; School of Law, Jim Grijalva and Randy Lee; School of Medicine and Health Sciences, Ann Flower and Eric Murphy; College of Nursing, Richard Brown and Diane Helgeson; libraries, Janet Rex and Rhonda Schwartz.

– Nancy Krogh (registrar), secretary, University Senate.

## **Some campus roads will have detours or be rerouted**

The campus water tower is scheduled to be reconditioned/repainted this summer. A portion of Cornell Street will be closed on the west side of the water tower, and one lane of Cornell Street will be closed on the south side of the water tower. Traffic will detour around the core sample library during the construction work.

Second Avenue behind the Memorial Union will be converted to a one-way street. Traffic will enter from the west side between the law school and O'Kelly Hall, and exit to the east between Swanson Hall and Abbott. Parking on Second Avenue is limited to service vehicles and accessible parking.

– Facilities.

## **Faculty, staff need new ID card**

With the new ConnectND PeopleSoft software implementation taking place this summer, all students, faculty and staff will receive a new ID number to replace the current NAID number. All current cardholders will require a new ID card.

If you are leaving campus for the summer, please stop by the campus passport ID office to take a new photo before you leave campus. All faculty and staff will be required to update photos before July 1. The new ID card will be available this fall. Thank you for your patience and willingness to support this project.

The campus passport ID temporary summer location will be in Swanson Hall Concourse Room 10. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., the phone number is 777-2071.

– Teresa Blilie, campus passport ID office.

## **Campus catering, passport office relocated to Swanson Hall Concourse**

Due to the dining services food court renovation in the Memorial Union, UND Campus Catering now has a new location at 15 Swanson Hall Concourse. The phone number will remain 777-2256.

The campus passport ID office has moved to 10 Swanson Hall Concourse (previously incorrectly advertised as Room 16-18). This summer location will accommodate the additional traffic expected with faculty, staff and students taking photos for the new ID card. With the ConnectND PeopleSoft software implementation, students, faculty and staff will receive a new ID number to replace the current NAID number. New photos must be taken by July 1. All current cardholders will require a new card. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 777-2071.

## **Memorial Union post office lists summer hours**

Summer hours for the Memorial Union Post Office will continue through Aug. 23. Counter assistance will be available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. After 1 p.m., stamped mail and departmental mail, including Fed Ex and UPS packages, can be dropped off in the slots located on the south wall by the mailboxes during Memorial Union hours.

Summer hours for the Memorial Union are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mailing services will continue to



pick up outgoing mail from the Memorial Union post office location during their regularly scheduled pickup times throughout the summer: 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

If you have questions regarding mailing procedures, please call mailing services at 777-4832. – Darin Lee, mailing services.

## ConnectND will affect students, faculty

Students and faculty members: Enjoy your summer. This fall, ConnectND and its web-based PeopleSoft administrative systems will make things a little different around campus.

### **Students will use the new “campus connection” portal to access and update information. Just a few examples:**

- s View course catalog and schedule.
- s Register for classes (a link on the campus web site will “redirect” you to campus connection if you happen to visit the old AFLI site by mistake).
- s Add or drop classes.
- s View full unofficial transcript.
- s View financial aid statements.
- s Change demographic and other personal data.
- s See semester grades.
- s Maintain a personalized navigation menu.
- s And much more.

### **Faculty members will also use the self-service portal. Just a few examples:**

- s View class schedules.
- s View class rosters.
- s View advisee information:
- s General student information.
- s Student class schedule.
- s Degree progress.
- s Enrollment appointments.
- s Unofficial transcript.
- s Address info, phone, emergency contacts, etc.
- s Post grades.
- s Access grade book.
- s View course catalog.
- s View schedule of classes.
- s And much more.

Also, like other campus employees, you will be paid twice a month and your department will conduct financial transactions and human resources business via the web.

For additional information, check <http://www.nodak.edu/connectnd/>, where more specific details will become available before fall.

## Memorial Day holiday, summer hours listed

### **Memorial Day is holiday**

In accordance with State Board of Higher Education directives, Monday, May 31, will be observed as Memorial Day by faculty and staff members of the University. Only those employees designated by their department heads will be required to work on this holiday. – John Ettling, vice president for academic affairs and provost, and Diane Nelson, director, human resources.

### **Chester Fritz Library:**

Chester Fritz Library hours for Memorial Day weekend are: Saturday, May 29, closed; Sunday, May 30, closed; Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day), 5 to 9 p.m. – Karen Cloud, Chester Fritz Library.

### **Wellness center:**

Wellness center summer hours are: Sundays, noon to 6 p.m.; Monday through Friday, 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. –

Rose Allen, wellness center.

## High school applicants sought for high performance computing summer institute

The Regional Weather Information Center and the University of Minnesota Army High Performance Computing Research Center are recruiting area high school students for a summer institute on high performance computing (HPC), July 19-30. The objective of the institute is to give students a chance to experience computational science using HPC supercomputer systems.

At this program, students will learn how scientific problems are modeled and solved using computers. Students will use a simple physics problem to learn scientific programming and run their solutions on the HPC supercomputer systems. Then, students will use scientific software to solve more complex problems in computational weather modeling on the HPC systems. Students will give a brief presentation of their work to visitors and parents on the last day of the institute.

This program is intended for high school students who anticipate graduation in 2005. Participants receive a stipend of \$500 for the two-week program, which will be held in the Odegard School facilities. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day, Monday through Friday. The registration deadline is Monday, June 1. Applicants will be notified by July 1 if they have been accepted to the summer institute.

To request an application please contact me.

– Deb Lazur, Regional Weather Information Center, PO Box 9007, Grand Forks, ND 58202-9007, 777-2479, lazur@rwic.und.edu.

## Summer Datebook items due Friday, May 21

You are invited to submit your UND events for inclusion in the Summer Datebook of activities by Friday, May 21. If your event is not listed online on the UND calendar ([www.und.edu/calendar](http://www.und.edu/calendar)), please send to Mavis at the Office of University Relations, 411 Twamley Hall, or e-mail [mavis\\_ness@mail.und.nodak.edu](mailto:mavis_ness@mail.und.nodak.edu). Include the name, department and phone number of a contact person.

The Datebook is published each semester and summer and is distributed to thousands of people on the campus, in the community, the region, and even across the state. We hope you'll submit your events to be considered for inclusion. Examples of the kind of activities you are encouraged to submit include departmental-sponsored lectures and presentations and cultural/academic displays and exhibitions – anything you want people to know about. Include the date and kind of event, names of persons, such as speakers involved and their titles, title of lectures, location and time of event.

– University Relations.

## Wellness center newsletter is online

For the first time, the wellness center newsletter is online. Please visit <http://wellness.und.edu/> to view the spring 2004 newsletter. You can learn more about your target heart rate, the recent walking challenge, and various other activities throughout the past semester.

– Wellness center.

## Campus walking trail maps available

Enjoy walking? Feel stressed and need a break? Want to get in shape? Become renewed and invigorated when outside? Check out the new walking trails on campus.

The physical wellness subcommittee along with Rick Tonder, associate director of facilities, has created 14 walking/running trails for the UND campus. The trails, approximately one mile in length, cover most regions of campus and can be interconnected for a 5-10 mile walk. Three of the trails are indoor routes for year-round use. The School of Medicine loop even includes stair climbing to increase the workout.

Maps are available at the Wellness Center and Memorial Union and online through the UND home page at

[www.und.nodak.edu](http://www.und.nodak.edu) and the Wellness Center home page at <http://wellness.und.edu/wellness>.

Obesity and poor fitness are serious health crises in America. College campuses are not immune. Let's lower the risk at UND. Get active, get fit, and get healthy. See you on the trails.

– Matt Remfert, co-chair, physical wellness subcommittee.

## Denim Day is last Wednesday of month

It's the last Wednesday of the month – that means May 26 is Denim Day. Pay your dollar, wear your button, and go casual. All proceeds go to charity, of course. Tired of watching other offices and buildings have all the fun? Call me and I'll set you up with buttons and posters for your area. – Patsy Nies, enrollment services, 777-3791, for the denim day committee.

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